

B-3051 - B-3060  
200-240 E. Montgomery St. (North side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1848-1875

The majority of the three story high, two and three bay wide brick houses along this side of Montgomery St. were built by Samuel Bratt between 1853 and 1871 for the rising number of middle class residents in the area. The group of houses extending from 206-218 E. Montgomery St. were originally all built with gable roofs but a number have had their rooflines remodeled to resemble shed roofs with simple bracketed cornices. The group of houses built by Bratt between 220 and 240 E. Montgomery St. were built after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Italianate style, with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. The large three story, three bay wide brick house with shed roof and simple modillion cornice at 200 E. Montgomery St. was built in 1848 (with a gable roof) by John Watchman, partner of Bratt in the firm of Watchman and Bratt, steam engine manufacturers, whose business was located to the rear of these properties along Hughes St. At 202-204 E. Montgomery St. is a pair of two story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice, built in the 1870's

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B-3052  
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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

202-204 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT (204)	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD (202)	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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This pair of two story brick houses with shed roofs and modillion cornice were built as a unit. They are later in date than most of the neighboring houses on this side of Montgomery St. and replaced an earlier 2 1/2 story structure on the site.

The houses are two stories in height, 12 1/2' wide, and occupy lots which are 75' deep. Each house has a two bay deep, two-story rear addition. 202 E. Montgomery St. has an additional one bay deep extension which is brick on the first floor but frame above. The houses were originally constructed of running bond, but 202 E. Montgomery St. has been covered with formstone. The shed roofs are surmounted by a continuous wooden cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of carved modillions, bordered by a row of cut-work scallops. There is a plain freize area defined by a lower molding strip. The cornice is supported by two carved end brackets. The original roof chimneys are gone, but the rear end chimneys, at the north end of the kitchen additions, survive.

The window openings of 204 E. Montgomery have flat wooden lintels and header sills. The openings of 202 E. Montgomery were undoubtedly the same, but have been hidden by the formstone covering. All of the window openings are filled with double hung, 4/1 sash. At 204 E. Montgomery St. there is a modern six panel door surmounted by a five-light transom. A new, projecting Italianate cornice has been added to the doorway, consisting of two carved wooden brackets (modeled after the roof cornice brackets) supporting a wide, flat crown molding and a plain freize area. At 202 E. Montgomery St. there is a late panel door, with fanlight in the door, set beneath a single light transom. The houses sit on high basements, the entrances being reached by a flight of five steps--stone at 202 E. Montgomery and brick at 204 E. Montgomery. Each house has a square-shaped coal opening located beneath the first floor window.

The main section of each house is two rooms deep, the front and rear rooms being separated by a stair hall, with fairly wide and spacious stairs leading to the second floor in two straight flights, with a landing between. Door and window enframements have double reeded moldings. Some of the original mantel pieces survive. A plain mantel shelf is supported by a simple molding strip and a plain freize. Two plain Doric pilasters frame the opening.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1873

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William R. Freeburger

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The houses are interesting as being the latest additions to the block on this side of Montgomery St., having replaced a 2 1/2 story house built between 1805 and 1815. In size and plan type the houses are typical of the large numbers of two story, Victorian style houses built in the southern sections of Federal Hill in the 1870's and 1880's. The stairs are located between the front and rear rooms but they are more open and spacious than the tightly winding types of stairways seen in pre-Civil War working class housing. Both houses retain the original staircases, with their scroll-sawed brackets, turned banisters and heavy walnut newel posts. The first inhabitant of 204 E. Montgomery St. was William C. Jones, Jr., a moulder, whose father lived at 210 E. Montgomery St.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Directory, 1874

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros, &amp; Eccles

DATE

3/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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202/204 E. Montgomery St.

202 has Mantel - Indf. front  
identical to 204+ Ind + 1st fl.  
near - d.c.  
not latched -  
later notes  
id. mantel  
in 1st fl.Description

c. 1870's. They were told

This pair of 2 story Victorian houses are unusual in their combination of 2 story size with a heavy Italianate cornice. They are 2 bays wide each, have shed roofs and sit on a fairly high basement.

202 E. Montgomery has been covered with formstone but its windows and cornice remain intact. 204 must be in close to original condition. It is constructed of running bond. The double hung windows are surmounted by flat wooden lintels and filled with 4/4 lights. The window sills are former by a row of headers. The paneled door is surmounted by a single light transom, with carved scallop decoration, under a flat wooden lintel.

both have  
4/4 now -  
see 4/4

The deep cornice, continuous across both houses, consists of a crown molding, a row of deeply projecting carved modillions, with a carved scallop frieze below. The cornice is supported on either end by carved Italianate brackets.

204 - 5 st. transom new 6 panel door - 5 brick steps -  
202 - 5. H. - old panel door w/ part in door new proj.  
5-formstone steps st. hood -

to a plain old  
frieze  
w/ single mold  
strip

square coal open -  
narrow wood lintel  
204 -

SignificanceDate c. 1873

2 carved brackets  
support wide, flat  
iron plan frieze area

This pair of houses was built on the site of a free-standing 2 1/2 story, 3 bay house that was probably built c. 1801 by a William Brooks, yeoman who leased the property from John Eager Howard. This original house appears in Sachse's Bird's Eye Views of 1858 and 1869, and until 1848, when 200 E. Montgomery St. was built, was the only structure on this block of Montgomery.

The builder, or at least the first owner, of this pair of houses was William C. Jones, a moulder and blacksmith who had previously rented at 10 E. Montgomery. His advancing fortune obviously allowed him to better his standard of living. His partner, James Pearson, bought a new house in 1873 also, at 232 E. Montgomery.

This pair of houses has particular interest because of their combination of a 2 story size with elaborate Victorian trim--as though the builder felt he could not afford a large house, like the others in the block, but still wanted it to be up-to-date in style.

202

WILLIAM ST.

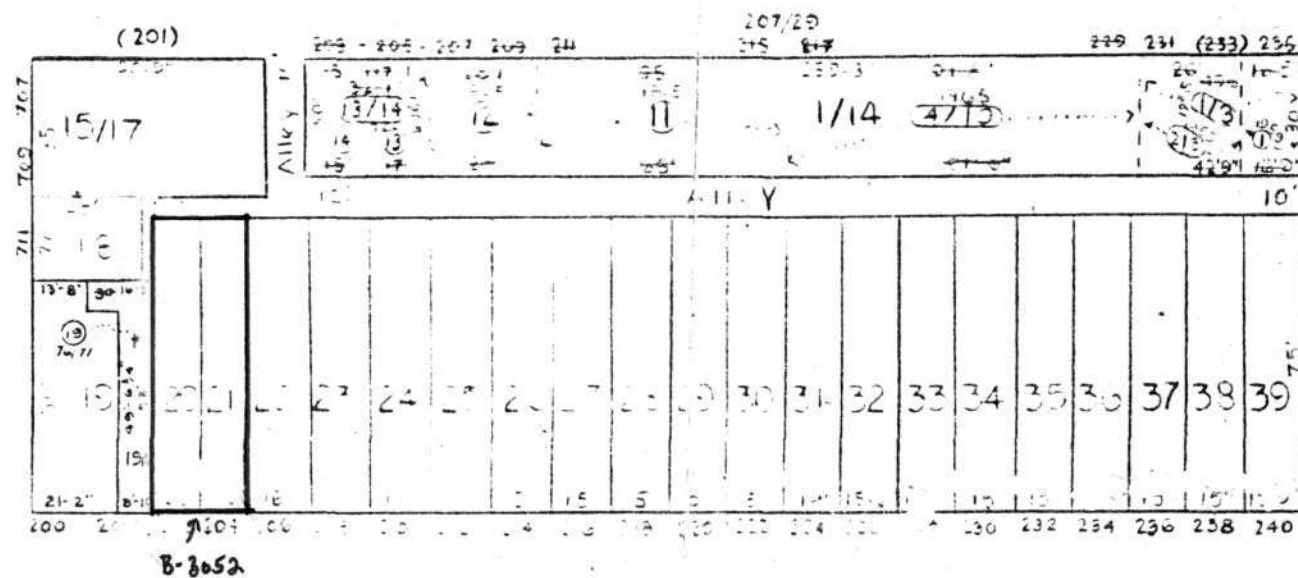
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BATTERY AVE.

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HIGHWAY

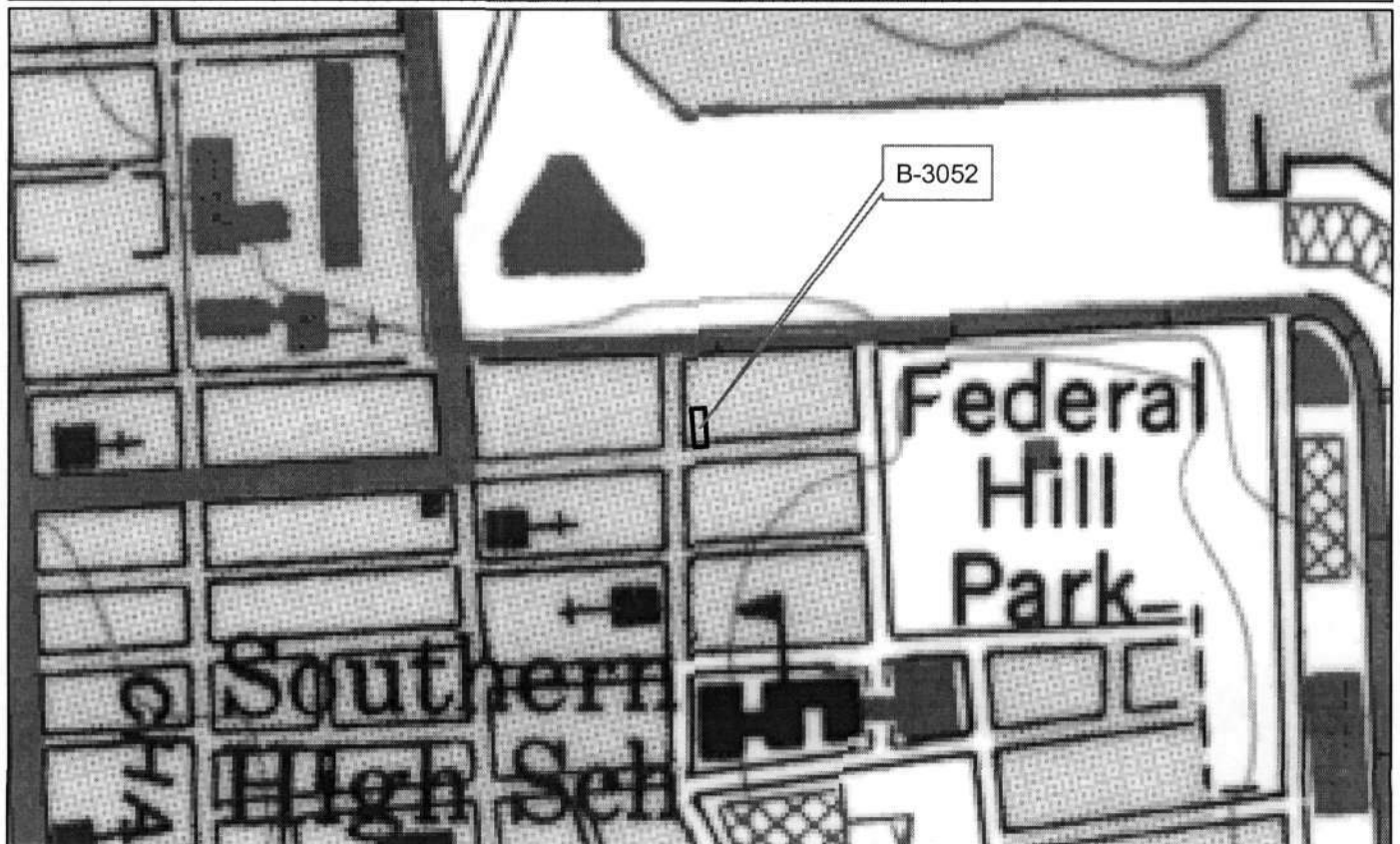


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B-3052  
202-204 E. Montgomery Street  
Block 0900 Lot 020-021  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







B-3052 202-204 E. Montgomery St.

M.E.H. 4/79

South elevation